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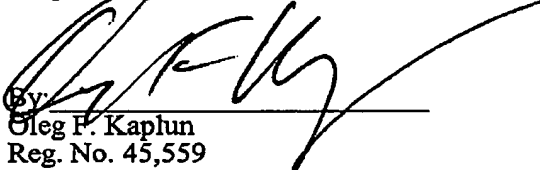
Claims 39, 45 and 47 have been cancelled and claims 36 and 44 have been amended. Claims 36 - 38, 40 - 44 and 46 - 51 remain pending in this application. The applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 49 - 51. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

Claims 36 - 38, 40-44 and 46 - 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Kuramoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,395,030) and the rejections of claims 36 - 48 have been reversed. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 39 and 45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As the above amendments to claims 36 and 44 incorporate these limitations, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable. Because claims 37, 38, 40 - 43 and 46 - 48 depend from and, therefore, include all of the limitations of one of claims 36 and 44, it is submitted that these claims are also allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a prompt and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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